



Fire Prevention Bureau

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Daylight-saving time ends Sunday, November 6, 2011. This marks the 24th anniversary of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery (CYCCYB) program, which reminds us to change and test the batteries in our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This message is simple and the habit can be lifesaving.

The Newington Volunteer Fire Department reminds our residents that this one easy step can help save their lives and the lives of those around them. Everyone is encouraged to use the extra hour they “gain” from daylight-saving time to change the batteries in their own smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms and remind friends, family, neighbors and fellow community members to do the same.

Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year, but everyone can work together to help reduce the number of home fire fatalities. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited causes of non-working smoke alarms are worn or missing batteries. Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms. This is a tragic statistic that can be reduced by adopting the simple habit of the testing your smoke detectors monthly and changing your batteries when you change your clocks.

Changing smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year, testing those alarms and reminding others to do the same are some of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends that all smoke alarms in homes be replaced every 10 years.

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A Sound You Can Live With: Test Your Smoke Detector Monthly